Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

Subject No. 29.
Measurement of the annual maintenance work to river channels.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the annual maintenance work executed to river channels may be ordered to be measured by officers not inferior in rank to Assistant Engineers, as measurement by subordinate officials is often unsatisfactory.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Representation may be made in regard to irregularities in individual cases.

Subject No. 30.
Railing to public roads.

Summary of discussion.—Roads on embankments should, where they are one or two yards above the level of the ground, be provided with wooden railings.

Reply of Government.—No general order is called for. The local Officers will do the needful wherever necessary for the safety of passengers and traffic.

Subject No. 31.
Turfing and earth work to bunds of large tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Turfing and earth work to bunds of large tanks restored to standard may be ordered to be executed by Government.

Reply of Government.—The request is inadmissible.

Subject No. 32.
Inspection lodges and travellers' bungalows.

Summary of discussion.—Inspection lodges and travellers' bungalows have only a single kitchen attached to them. They may be provided with an additional kitchen to accommodate two residents at one and the same time.

Reply of Government.—Whatever is possible is being done.

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Subject No. 33.
(a) Abolition of Khalsat on Devadaya and Brahmadaya lands.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Khalsat leviable on Devadaya and Brahmadaya and other Inam lands may be remitted once for all.

Mr. Sivappa of Sorab said that the rates of Khalsat should be equalised in all places, if Khalsat could not be abolished together.

Mr. Venkataramaiya of Devanhalli prayed that the temporary suspension of the levy of Khalsat on temple lands should be made permanent.

(b) Remission of Khalsat on minor Inams.

(*b*) In 1897 it was said that Khalsat would be remitted if proper references of Bijavari were furnished. Such references are generally not found in the original sunnads, and it seems it was not usual to mention Bijavari in sunnads. It is therefore requested that the Khalsat may be remitted.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) *and* (*b*) The question of remitting the Khalsat on Devadaya Inam lands will be settled shortly. As regards the Khalsat on Brahmadaya Inams, the attention of the representatives is drawn to jects Nos. 2 and 111 of 1896 and 1897 respectively.

Subject No. 34.
Special prayers to avert calamities of

Summary of discussion.—Special prayers a
may be arranged for in places of worship
State to avert the calamities of the year

exceptional times when Plague and other Epidemics break out.

Reply of Government.—Special prayers are being offered in some of the more important temples under the orders of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent. However, the members making this representation would do well to set an example to the people in their neighbourhood by themselves offering earnest prayers for averting the calamity.

Subject No. 35.
Supervision over Muzrai institutions.

Summary of discussion.—As Amildars have much Revenue and Criminal work to attend to, the supervision over Muzrai institutions may be entrusted to Sub-Registrars.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 36.
(a). Amildars to supervise the expenditure of ready money grants to institutions not under Muzrai management.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) It is requested that until the question raised by Subject No. 102 of 1896 relating to Temples, (District Committees for management of Jahagirs and Inams to chattrams and temples) is finally settled by the Muzrai Department, Amildars may be ordered to check the accounts of all temples receiving ready money grants which are not under Government management, and to see that such grants are properly utilized.

Reply of Government.—All institutions which are endowed with cash allowances or land inams are being supervised by the Amildars.

(b). Appointment of Taluk Committees therefor.

Summary of discussion.—(*b*) Taluk Committees for the management of institutions not under the supervision of the Muzrai Department may be appointed. A list was given in 1897 of such small temples in the Sorab Taluk, but nothing has yet been done.

Reply of Government.—The disposal of the list referred to will be expedited.

Subject No. 37.
Disposal of vacant offices in Muzrai temples and chattrams.

Summary of discussion.—Vacancies in the offices attached to Muzrai temples and chattrams should be filled up by the appointment of the heirs of previous holders if they are qualified for the same, and, in the event of strangers being appointed, their qualifications should, before such appointment, be tested by the District Muzrai Officer or the Palace Controller with the aid of dharmadarsees.

Reply of Government.—The Muzrai Superintendent reports that this is just what is being done at present. The present representation will however be referred to him for such action as may be called for.

Subject No. 38.
Muzrai offices tenable for life to be made pensionable or continued to the hak-

Summary of discussion.—All offices in the chattrams and temples under the Muzrai Department were for a long time hereditary, which proved an inducement for the holders to serve even for small emoluments. Under the present arrangement some of the officers are treated as hereditary, while others are made tenable for life. It is requested that